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August 27th, 1917

Wm. Houston, Esq.,

"The Globe",

Toronto.

Dear Mr. Houston:

On passing through Toronto to-day I find your letter. I sympathise with you very deeply in regard to your position but I do not believe that it would be worth my while to bring your case before the Board of Governors. Unless a sufficient endowment to cover the salary were provided I am confident that they would not at present add to the staff in the way that you desire. While I say this I wish to repeat that it gives me deep regret to know that you are in the position in which you are and yet I do not see how the University can help you.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Dear Dr Falconer

I intended to go to the Senate meeting to-night, but in a short stop off a street car I jarred one knee and now I must rest it. I would like you to name a day and hour for the meeting of my Committee on Constitutional History. Make them to suit Jameson and the three Professors: Wong, Lefroy, and Mavor. Also name the place and put my name to the notifications. I have a draft of a Statute ready, and on points of detail it has

been revised by the Registrar.
I enclose a copy from which
you will see that it amounts,
or may easily be made to a-
mount, to a fair effort to the
"Political Science" and "Modern History"
Courses. Of course, as I dare
well answer there is the ques-
tion of a chair, but I have
always maintained that the
Senate's right is to say what
shall be in the Course before
asking the Board of Governors
or anyone else, to endow a
chair of Literature. I want
a sincere effort made to
get a good Course made

Statutory, even if it must
be for a time withheld from
the curriculum and calen-
dar. I am in my seventy fifth
year, and I must have this
matter settled now, so far
as the Senate has authority
to settle it. In other words I
want to have the statute either
passed in some form or re-
jected in toto.

Yours truly

Sam Houston

February 12th, 1918

William Houston, Esq.,

Globe Office, Toronto.

Dear Mr. Houston:

I am sorry that you had an accident on the street car, but I hope that you will soon be better. I am afraid that it will be impossible to have an hour free for your committee this week, but next week it might be held almost on any day that suits these professors. I myself am to be in Philadelphia and shall not be home until the beginning of the following week. I will ask Mr. Brebner to call the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

President.